VZCZCXYZ0000 OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHEG #1550/01 2220632 ZNY CCCCC ZZH O 100632Z AUG 09 FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3379

CONFIDENTIAL CAIRO 001550

SIPDIS

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO USTR/CHRIS WILSON AND MARK MOWREY

E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/10/2019
TAGS: ETRD ECON ELAB EINV PGOV EG
SUBJECT: A/USTR WILSON'S MEETINGS WITH MINISTRY OF TRADE
AND INDUSTRY
REF: CAIRO 1522 Classified By: ECONOMIC COUNSELOR STEPHEN P. O'DOWD FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D) 1.Key Points --(SBU)A/USTR Chris Wilson met wi
2.(SBU) A/USTR Wilson met August 2-3 with a MoTI negotiating team lead by Dr. Samiha Fawzy, chief assistant to Minister of Trade and Industry F 3.(SBU) Fawzy welcomed USTR's draft work plan and stated Minister Rachid's desire to "capitalize on a new stage of trade relations." However, s

4.(SBU) MoTI concerns about trade facilitation focused on ensuring Egyptian standards meet international regulations in the textile, garments,

5.(SBU) Throughout the talks, MoTI noted its reluctance to commit to specific actions beyond discussion and information sharing in several area

6.(C) During the last part of their meetings, Fawzy passed to A/USTR Wilson a ministerial decree issued earlier that day naming the Egyptian me

7.(C) A/USTR Wilson also met briefly on August 3 with the Ministry of Trade and Industry's (MoTI) Qualifying Industry Zones team. MoTI reiterat

8.(U) USTR cleared on this cable. SCOBEY